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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-31, 40-52, 54-58, and 63-71 were pending in the present application. This Amendment amends claims 1, 6-11, 13-17, 20-22, 24-25, 27-28, 40-41, 49, 51, 54, and 64; and cancels claims 30, 57, and 58; leaving pending in the application claims 1, 2, 4, 6-29, 31, 40-52, 54-56, and 63-71. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I.   Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-31, 40-52, 54-58, and 63-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Brandt* (US 6,646,655). Applicants respectfully submit that *Brandt* does not disclose each element of these claims.

For example, Applicants' claim 1 as amended recites a method for storing information for recorded information and a plurality of source documents, comprising:

> determining a first portion of the recorded information, the recorded information including at least one of audio, video, and image information recorded during a presentation of a plurality of information sources;
> **determining a first electronic source document from the plurality of electronic source documents that includes information corresponding to at least one of the information sources presented during the recording of the first portion of the recorded information,** the information in the first electronic source document including at least one of text, image, audio, and video information;
> **determining a second electronic source document from the plurality of electronic source documents that includes information corresponding to at least one of the information sources presented during the recording of a second portion of the recorded information,** the information in the second electronic source document including at least one of text, image, audio, and video information; and
> **storing in a table information identifying the recorded information,** information representative of **the first and second portions** of the recorded information, information identifying **the first source document and a first type** of the first source document, and information identifying **the second source document and a second type** of the second source document, such that the first and second electronic source documents are accessible using the information representative of the respective first and second portions of the recorded information, and the first and second portions of the recorded information are accessible using the information identifying the respective first and second source documents,
> **wherein storing the first and second types allows the respective first and second source documents to be displayed in applications appropriate for those types, the first source type being different from the second source type**

(*emphasis added*). Such limitations are not disclosed by *Brandt*.

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Brandt discloses a system for automatically generating slides from a video (col. 1, lines 51-55), wherein a stream of video frames is analyzed to determine when a sequence of frames contains a still image that corresponds to a slide (col. 2, lines 53-58). If source slides are available, the system attempts to identify source slides that match slides in the generated slide set so that the source slide (of a higher resolution) can be substituted for the generated slide (col. 3, lines 5-20). Thumbnail images of the final slide set then can be used to allow a user to access segments of the video corresponding to the selected slides (col. 3, lines 30-37).

The method of Applicants' claim 1, on the other hand, allows any of multiple types of electronic source documents to be associated with recorded information. A <u>table</u> stores not only information identifying those portions of the electronic source documents that correspond to portions of the recorded information, but also stores a <u>type</u> of each source document (as the source documents do not store only slides, as in *Brandt*, but can store any appropriate type of content, such as image, text, audio, and/or video information). Storing the type information also allows the related source information to be conveyed to the user using an appropriate <u>application</u>, such as a video player for video information, and audio player for audio information, and a text browser for textual information. *Brandt* only teaches capturing slide information based on a period of time during which the captured image does not significantly change, and does not teach or suggest how to capture representative audio, video, or text information during a recorded presentation, then associate, link, identify, substitute, and/or access related source information based on the captured information. For at least these reasons, *Brandt* cannot anticipate Applicants' claim 1 as amended or the claims that depend therefrom. The other independent claims recite limitations that similarly are not disclosed by *Brandt*, for reasons including those set forth above, such that these claims and the claims that depend therefrom also cannot be anticipated by *Brandt*. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejections with respect to these claims be withdrawn.

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II. Amendment to the Claims

Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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